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# Organization.

There was a general meeting of the Houghton family, at Winchendon, Mass., on the 21st day of April, 1868. This meeting was called for the purpose of collecting information relative to unclaimed Houghton property in England, reported to belong to the Houghton family in America, and to devise means, through a joint action of the family, to have a thorough and final investigation made of their claim to the large unclaimed Houghton property in England.

The Houghton family was well represented at this meeting. After a long consultation, they concluded that no longer delay should be allowed in this matter.

They concluded no proper investigation of their claim had ever been made in England. They wanted the question finally settled, as to whether there is, or is not, a Houghton property in England belonging to the Houghtons in America, as reported, and if there is, its situation—whether recoverable or not.

The members of the family, at this meeting, unanimously adopted the following Constitution:

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# The Houghton Association.

## PREAMBLE.

Whereas, Certain Houghtons died in England, leaving real and personal property, at the time of their death, to the amount of millions of dollars; and whereas, the next of kin, and heirs to this property, are said to be in America; now, in order to prosecute the investigation, and procure the pedigree of the family, and ascertain whether or not there is any such property, we, the undersigned, do hereby agree to form ourselves into an Association, under the following

## CONSTITUTION:

Article I. This Society shall be called the Houghton Association.

Article II. Columbus Smith, of Salisbury, Vt., and A. B. Herrick, of Burlington, Vt., are hereby appointed agents for the purpose of investigating the case in England, and are required, from time to time, to make printed reports of their doings to the members of this Association.

Article III. Harrison O. Smith, of Monkton, Vt., is hereby empowered to raise two thousand dollars, to cover the necessary expenses attending the matter of investigating the case in England, and all other necessary incidental expenses connected therewith, by issuing such an amount of Scrip as shall be necessary, which said Scrip shall be a lien upon the property when recovered.

Article IV. Every Scrip shall be sold for five dollars, entitling the purchaser to two hundred dollars out of the first money recovered from said estate, by any member of the Association, and no more Scrip shall be sold by said agent than shall be necessary to raise the aforesaid sum of two thousand dollars, together with the expenses of the sale thereof, which shall, in no event, exceed ten per cent. of the receipts of the sale of each Scrip.

Article V. The said Smith and Herrick are to be allowed fifteen hundred dollars for making a thorough investigation of the case in England, with reference to whether or not there is property there; if any, its situation, and also the pedigree of the party leaving the same; and, in addition thereto, we agree to pay to them ten per cent. of all we, or any of us, or our heirs, may recover from said estate.

Article VI. No member of this Association shall be liable to pay more than five dollars, as expenses or compensation, or otherwise, to any person or persons whatever.

Article VII. Any member of the Houghton family may become a member of this Association by paying five dollars to H. O. Smith, of Monkton, Vt., and signing this Constitution, entitling each member to a printed report of all information and reports made in the case, and also to the sum of two hundred dollars out of the money recovered.

Winchendon, Mass., April 21, 1868.

# Names of Members.

*The following named persons have signed the Constitution, and become members of the Association:*

Sherman W. Houghton, Bolton, Mass.
Joseph W. Fassett, Jaffrey, N. H.
Danverse C. Fassett, Troy, N. H.
Adeline B. Boucher, Winchendon, Mass.
Elijah P. Damard, Ashby, Mass.
Delcena Hancock, Fitzwilliam, N. H.
Dana Davis, " "
William Wilder, Winchendon, Mass.
Shubel Bailey, " "
Almy E. Goodnow, " "
Sarah R. Heywood, " "
Elisha Murdock, Winchendon, Mass.
Elizabeth Knowlton, " "
Susan A. Gerrculd, " "
Lucy Whitcomb, " "
Lewis G. Houghton, Ashby, Mass.
Lucy S. Daniels, Winchendon, Mass.
Tabitha F. Knowlton, Ashfield, Mass.
Celesta H. Bowker, Keene, N. H.
Asenath W. Whitney, Winchendon, Mass.
Mary M. Whitney, Winchendon, Mass.
Tabitha Bixby Baldwin, Washington Mills, N. Y.
Rufus W. Youlen, Utica, N. Y.
Abner S. Youlen, " "
Geo. H. Youlen, " "
Sally S. Brown, Rochester, N. Y.
Dolly Hinman, Deansville, N. Y.
Sarah Gridley, " "
Amelia Simmons, " "
John B. Fassett, 47 Lester st., Providence, R. I.
John S. Hartwell, Jaffrey, N. H.
Oliver S. Pearson, Weston, Vt.
Thomas Wyman, Peru, Vt.
Sarah C. Fassett, Winchendon, Mass.
Amos H. Carter, Surrey, N. H.
Abbie P. Taylor, Jaffrey, N. H.
Sumner Wilder, Surrey, N. H.
Elisha Beaman, Winchendon, Mass.
Geo. G. Wilder, East Wallingford, Vt.
Martha L. Spaulding, Fitzwilliam, N. H.
Lucy M. Starkey, Troy, N. H.
Osan B. Blake, Munsonville, N. H.
Abraham Pierce, Winchendon, Mass.
George C. Palmer, Westboro', Mass.
William Pollard, Winchendon, Mass.
Wm. Murdock, " "
Levi Parks, " "
Amasa Aldrich, " "
Henry S. Pierce, " "
Sophia Fry, Warwick, Mass.
M. T. Wilder, Surrey, N. H.
I. H. Fairbank, Winchendon, Mass.
Byron F. Wilber, Westmoreland, N. H.
Abby A. Bruel, Newark, Conn.
Abbie J. Blake, Surry, N. H.
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Henry A. Thompson, Fitchburg, Mass.
Lorin J. Thompson, " "
Mariah A. Boutell, Atlanta, Ga.
Sylvia Mills, Groton Junction, Mass.
Susan E. Partridge, Winchendon, Mass.

Olive W. Hapgood, Leominster, Mass.
Edmund Houghton, Lunenburgh, Mass.
Lemuel Houghton, Worcester, Mass.
Sally May, Leominster, Mass.
Ephraim W. Houghton, Harvard, Mass.
Edwin Case, New Haven, Conn.
Moses Cudworth, guardian for R. F. & Hattie L. Cudworth, Blakesville, N.H.
Isabel Fassett Rice, Westborough, Mass.
Julia Isabel Harper, Worcester, Mass.
Mrs. Fernando B. Hickok, Leominster, Mass.
Mrs. Mary J. Jewett, Leominster, Mass.
Mrs. Lydia M. Mirrick, Princeton, Mass.
Phebe D. Billings, Worcester, Mass.
Mrs. Mary A. D. Allen, No. 6 Mass Corporation, Lowell, Mass.
Amanda H. Wilder, Ashby, Mass.
Thomas S. Knowlton, West Brookfield, Mass.
Abel Bowers, Leominster, Mass.
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Samuel H. Houghton, Worcester, Mass.
Aaron R. Powers, Bolton, Mass.
Montravill Flagg, Boylston, Mass.
Jennison S. May, Leominster, Mass.
Lucy A. M. Wood, Upton, Mass.
Maria M. Taft, " "
Laura A. Thompson, Lynn, Mass.
Francis Case, North Coventry, Conn.
Fidelia M. Murdock, Baltimore, Md.
Charles Murdock, " "
Albert T. Murdock, " "
Catherine Logair, Jeffersonville, Ind.
Emma Carter, " "
John A. Fassett, Weyonwaga, Wis.
Henry P. Fassett, Lorraine, N. Y.
Sophrona A. Perry, 12½ Market Place, Worcester, Mass.
Dolly H Andrews, Boylston Centre, Mass.
Thomas P. Houghton, Oneida, N. Y.
Assabeath Hodgkins, Berling, Mass.
Benj. F. Farnsworth, Lancaster, Mass.
Sally W. Billing, Eastern Plaine, Wis.
Edward O. Everitt, Castalia, Iowa.
Gilbert Everitt, " "
Mary J. Debow, West Union, "
Russel Barber, Danby, Vt.
Harriet Johnson, Putney, Vt.
Harvey Houghton, Brattleboro, Vt.
Hiram Houghton, Holyoke, Mass.
Thomas W. Fassett, M. D., Ann Arbor, Mich.
Mary Houghton Stone, 43 Revere st., Boston, Mass.
Lucy Gilman, Summerville, Mass.
Phebe H. Kendall, Hartford, Wis.
Melinda H. Gibson, Grafton, Vt.
Mrs. Abbie M. Walker, Peru, Vt.
Oliver R. Houghton, Putney, Vt.
Phineas Devoell, Chester, Vt.
Edward F. Houghton, Walpole, N. H.
John L. Houghton, " "
Henry E. Houghton, " "
Amanda E. Wiley, Rockingham, Vt.
Mrs. Emily Hurlburd, Somerville, Conn.
E. C. Houghton, West Acton, Mass.
S. R. Houghton, Tipton, Iowa.
Ashel Green, Millersburg P. O., Iowa.
Rosanna W. Duren, Keene, N. H.
Mrs. Mary Ann Wyman, Keene, N. H.
Stephen B. Blanchard, Alstead, "
Henry O. Spaulding, Keene, N. H.
Harris C. Houghton, Southwick, Mass.
Geo. W. Houghton, Westfield, "
Henry T. Ellis, Surry, N. H.
Eugene S. Ellis, Keene, "
Amanda H. Barker, Keene, N. H.
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Mrs. Fannie M. Clough, Putney, Vt.
Sarah H. Farr, West Chesterfield, N. H.
Abbie A. H. Aldrich, Brattleboro, Vt.
Wm. S. Houghton, Putney, Vt.
Serena H. Crafts, Newtonville, Mass.
Chloe Carter, Perlin, Mass.
Hepsebeth R. Goodrich, 155 Elm st., Lawrence, Mass.
James R. Houghton, Putney, Vt.
Mrs. Calista A. Partridge, New Alstead, N. H.

Geo. Ellis, Keene, N. H.
E. H. Fessenden, Townshend, Vt.
G. H. Houghton, " "
Albert Houghton, Springfield, Mass.
Mrs. Anson Moore, " "
Phineas H. Purinton, Shrewsbury, Mass.
Oliver R. Flagg, Abington, Mass.
Martha A. Houghton, Newton Corners, Mass.
Lorenzo Jordan, North Attleboro, Mass.
Mrs. Mary A. Houghton, Sacramento st., Cambridgeport, Mass.
Edwin Andrews, Chelsea, Mass,
Eunice Houghton, Ashland, Mass.
Abner M. Houghton, Shrewsbury, Mass.
Lorenzo L. Moore, North Boro, Mass.
Warren O. Moore, " "
Frank A. Houghton, Harvard, "
Calvin Edwards, South Natick, "
Elijah Edwards, Linden, Mass.
Mrs. Catherine B. Houghton, 186 Seventh st., Boston, Mass.
Ralph Houghton, Randolph, Mass.
Wm. W. Forbes, 43 Revere st., Boston, Mass.
W. A. Macondray, Boston, Mass.
W. W. Knight, 92 Washington st., Boston, Mass.
Samuel Capen, Stoughton, Mass.
Chas. A. Capen, No. Stoughton, Mass.
Elijah G. Capen, Stoughton, "
Charlotte Taylor, Milo, Iowa.
Catherine A. Taylor, Lena, Ill.
Caroline Tyrrill, Plum River, Ill.
Geo. Bixby, Plum River, Ill.
Abigail Tyrrill, Plum River, Ill.
Mary A. Tinkham, Milo, Iowa.
Azel Capen, Stoughton, Mass.
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Reckah Russell, " "
P. H. Nichols, No. Adams, Mass.
Mrs. Fanny C. Mayo, South Boston, Mass.
Daniel F. Houghton, Worcester, Mass.
Levi Houghton, Shrewsbury, "
Anetusa R. Davidson, Sterling, "
Daniel W. Purinton, Worcester, "
Parley Jordan, New Boston, "
Geo. W. Purinton, Worcester, "
Levi S. Bigelow, Shrewsbury, "
John Goldsmith, Littleton, "
James Houghton, " "
John Houghton, Oakdale, Mass.
Hoyt Wood, Leominster, "
Mrs. Martha Shaw, Ontario, N. Y.
Mrs. Elizabeth Eastman, Utica, N. Y.
D. W. Houghton, Sand Creek, N. Y.
Geo. F. Houghton, Greig, N. Y.
J. C. Gallup, Clinton, N. Y.
Charlotte Houghton, New Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth Works, Clintonville, N. Y.
Eliza A. Chase, Leominster, Mass.
Mira May, " "
Mrs. Charlotte R. Crane, Surry, N. H.
C. J. Fry, Groton Junction, Mass.
Emory Houghton, Bennington, Vt.

# REPORT.

To the Houghton Association:

By the especial request of many members of the Houghton family, I attended your first family meeting at Winchendon.

I there informed you of the difficulties of substantiating a claim to an old estate in England. But few of these "large, unclaimed estates," reported to exist in England, existed in fact, and that but very few old estates in England had ever been recovered by American claimants. I considered the chances against you, though there was a possibility of your finding a large, unclaimed Houghton property preserved in the Court of Chancery, or in the hands of trustees, recoverable, but not in the possession of private individuals, for then your claim would be barred by the English statute of limitations.

I also mentioned to you there, the difficulties in the way of Americans recovering real estate in England. I then thought, and now think, no real estate in England, by a suit in any court, can be recovered by Americans whose grandfather was born in America, for they are aliens; [this does not apply to leasehold property;] but if an American should be found to be the real heir at law of a real estate there, the crown would be entitled to, and take, the property as an escheat. Then by petitioning the Lords of the Treasury for a sum of money equal to the value of the estate, (less the costs attendant upon the sale thereof,) I think a grant in money would be made to the claimant, though I do not know of a precedent. I believe the English government intends to do justice in all cases.

The information you gave me, at your first meeting, relative to unclaimed Houghton property in England, was, for the most part, traditionary, and, of course, not to be implicitly relied upon.

From the information there produced, I could not advise any member of the family to spend much money in the investigation, for I thought the chances of final recovery would not warrant it. But if the whole family wanted the case examined in England, by uniting they could have it done with but little expense to each member of the family. After an examination, should it be proved that the Houghton family were entitled to no property in England, then the information collected relative to the family would, in a measure, compensate for all outlay.

In accordance with the wishes of your Association, I will now give you all the information I have been able to collect, from various sources, relative to the matter under consideration. This report must, necessarily, be imperfect, for we have not yet had time nor opportunity to collect many facts in the case, nor but few full pedigrees of the different branches of the family.

Nearly every member of this family is aware that, for very many years, it has been currently reported, in different branches of the family, that there was a large Houghton property in England belonging to the Houghtons in America. This matter has been agitated, certainly, for more than sixty years. In 1847 a Mr. Rice was appointed agent for the Houghton family to examine this case in England. He went to England, and there made an examination and a report on the same. He had had no experience in making searches in England, and was unsuccessful in finding the desired property. The family were convinced his search was not so thorough as it ought to have been.

It is not necessary for me to rehearse here all the different reports that have been in circulation concerning this property, for such reports must be familiar to all of you.

The property claimed, by some, is said to be Houghton Tower and a very large tract of land around it; by others, it is said to be a large property in the Court of Chancery. I should have more confidence in the validity of a claim to property in the Court

Chancery, than I should to a claim of the family to any real estate. It seems to me that the statute of limitations must be an effectual bar to all claims for the Houghton Tower property, though I do not know how long this property has been in the possession of the present occupants, but, I think, over forty years, the time allowed to bar all other claims.

Since I was appointed agent of your Association, I have heard that the Henshaws, of Massachusetts, claimed a Houghton property in England, and that, about the year 1719, their claim was near being substantiated in the Court of Chancery in England, but that claim was abandoned on the death of Joshua Henshaw, in England, in 1719. I have been informed that, some twenty-five years ago, this Henshaw claim was again revived, and some attorneys in New York tried to prove the Henshaw pedigree, but were unsuccessful.

It occurred to me that this was probably the property the Houghtons in America heard they were entitled to.

I can give no better statement of this case than can be found in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, April, 1868, page 112, viz:

Joshua Henshaw,* the grandfather of the first named Joshua, was born in Lancashire, England, about the year 1643, and with his brother Daniel, born about 1646, was fraudulently abducted and sent to New England, about 1652. They came to Dorchester, Mass., where they resided during their minority.† Joshua there married, in 1670, Elizabeth Sumner.‡ Three children were born to them. In 1688 he made his will, and in the early part of the next year went to England for the purpose of recovering the large property left by his parents in the care of Peter Ambrose, their steward, who bore the imputation, not without probable grounds of suspicion, of having sent the boys, Joshua and Daniel, out of Eng-

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* It does not appear when the name was changed from Hensha to Henshaw.

† The family tradition is, that the Rev. Richard Mather, who came from Lancashire, England, had the care of them, and of the money sent with them, for their support and education, and for setting them up in business.

‡ Elizabeth Sumner, eldest daughter of William and Elizabeth (Clement) Sumner; bap. June, 1652, d. in Dorchester in 1728. Ante, Vol. 8, 128 d.

land for the purpose of getting possession of their property; for before they were sent away, they had lived in his care and on the estate for several years, and after their departure he retained possession, and died in the occupation of the estate. Wavertree Hall, extolled by Walter Scott, was a part of it.

When Joshua arrived in England, he found Joshua Ambrose in possession of and claiming the estates, as heir to his father Peter. Mr. Henshaw filed a bill in Chancery against Ambrose, but not being then prepared to prove his paternity, returned to Dorchester, and procured the necessary evidence. To this bill the defendant put in his answer, and at a subsequent term of the court, in 1690, the plaintiff not appearing, the bill was dismissed, with seven nobles costs. In 1692, after Mr. Henshaw's return to England, his case against Ambrose was restored to the docket, and kept there for nearly thirty years. In 1719, when it became certain that a decision was about to be rendered in favor of the plaintiff, Mr. Henshaw was invited by Ambrose to dinner, upon pretence of a desire to effect an amicable compromise, and soon after the dinner was seized with an illness, from which he died in a few hours. The suit was then dropped from the docket for want of a prosecutor.

Lands in Penyngton.
Worsely,
Newton in Mackenfield.
Knowsley.
Liverpool.
Ellell.
Carleton.
Sowerby.
Warton.
Houses in Lancaster.

EVAN HOUGHTON of Great Carleton, near Poulton, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, Gent. Escheat 2d May, (1610). 7 Jac: I. He was also of Wavertre Hall. Died at Knowsley, 20 Jan. (1608) 5 Jac: I. Writ dat. 2 Dec 6 Jac: 1. 1609.

He was 54 years old at the death of his father and upwards die capcionis Inquis.

= daur. of Carleton of Great Carleton in Com: Palatine of Lancaster. Sed qy and one of his 4 coheirs—by birth the eldest.

Grace, one of the sisters, died unmarried. Qy, whether Mary sister and coheir of William Carleton of Carleton was not married to Hugh Singleton whose sister Margaret was wife to Lawrence, son of William Carleton of Carleton.

Qy. if another heiress of Carleton was not married to Allen, whose heir Worthington married.

Richard Houghton of Wartre Hall and Penketh, Bakers Green House, where he died in Haighton Parish near Knowsley in the County Palatine of Lancaster = Margaret daur. of Henry Stanley, Esq., of Bickerstigh in the County Palatine of Lancaster. Marriage settlement dated 8 Oct. 27 Eliz (1585) surr: dated 30 Dec.( ) 27 Eliz.

Thomas Henshaw of Derby, in the County Palatine of Lancaster. Died in Toxter* Park, near Liverpool in the same County near 70 years ago.
* Toxteth.
= - - daur. to - - Kendrick of Prescot in the County Palatine of Lancaster, or rather of Kendrick's Cross, in the same parish.

Evan Houghton of Wartre Hall in the parish of Chi do, in the County Palatine of Lancaster. Killed at the taking of Liverpool in Lancashire by Prince Rupert, during the civil war a°. 1644, where he was in prison °. 1638 = Ellen, daur. of - - Parker of Kridgeball in the County Palatine of Lancaster, Esq., and of Derbyshire. She died after her son's wife about 10 weeks.

Dorothy marr'd 1st - - - - - Windle & afterwards to - -

Katherine married to - - - - - Story sed xy.

2. John, who went into Ireland and died there, leaving one son deceased.
3. - - Drowned, unmarried.

1. William Henshaw of Toxter Park, aforesaid; killed at the taking of Liverpool during the civil wars 1644. Married about 1627*
* Probably 1637.
= Katherine, daur. of Evan Houghton of Wartre Hall, in Childo Parish in the County of Lancaster. She was his only child and heir, and died 1861.

Ellen married to Harrison of Toxter* Park. She died 2 years ago.
*Toxteth.

1
Joshua Henshaw, born in Liverpool about a year and 10 weeks before his father was killed, living a°. 1701. He was about 8 years at his mother's death, and sent to New England, a°. 1653 and came back 1688 about Apr. = Elizabeth, daur. of William Somner of Dorchester, in New England, son of William Somner of Burcester in the County of Oxford.

2
Daniel Henshaw of Milton in New England, 2d son; æt. 55 ann:—and about 7 years a°. 1651. = Mary, daur. - - - Bull of Bury St. Edmund in Co. Soffolk, and widow of Nicholas Allen of Dorchester New England.

William, æt. 30.
Joshua, æt. 28
John, æt 20.
Thankful, æt. 23, married to Nathaniel Lemon of Boston in New England.
Elizabeth, æt. 16.
Katherine, æt. 13.
Daniel, died unmarried and was his father's only child.

NOTE—The original Pedigree is endorsed "Mr. Henshaw's Pedigree, a°. 1701."

Extracted from the MS. Pedigrees of Robert Dale, Richmond Herald, marked "H 12" page 127, now remaining in the Herald's College, London, this 28th day of June, 1844.
Signed G. W. Collen, Pursuivant at Arms
Herald's College, London

You will see by the foregoing pedigree of Mr. Henshaw, that the American Henshaws are descended from Evan Houghton, through a female line.

Catherine Houghton married Wm. Henshaw. She is said to be the only daughter of Evan Houghton. The evidence of this is only contained in the pedigree of Mr. Henshaw, so far as we now know.

Mr. Henshaw, at the time the pedigree was made, was living in Massachusetts, as well as the descendants of John and Ralph Houghton.

It is possible that John and Ralph may have been descended from the same Evan Houghton, and their descendants may have claimed the same property.

We do not know when the American Houghtons first claimed. They may have known of their claim as early as the Henshaws. I find some branches of the Houghton family now claim to have descended from Evan Houghton.

This suit, instituted by Joshua Henshaw, may throw much light on the subject. This should be thoroughly examined; and through this we may find the birth of John and Ralph, and, if married in England, their marriages and the birth of some of their children.

And it is possible we may find the personal property of Evan Houghton still in chancery. I have heard of properties being recovered from this court after remaining in court nearly two hundred years, though such things are of very rare occurrence.

Last autumn I wrote my partner, Mr. Herrick, of London, that our information concerning this claim was then very limited, and I thought best not to spend much time or money in the case until I could gather all the facts in the case which could be collected in America, relative to the property and pedigree of the family. In the meantime, it would be well for him to collect all the advertisements he could find relative to Houghton, and to search the manuscripts made by the heralds, in their visitations, for Houghton pedigrees. And, a few months since, I wrote him to search for the pedigree of Evan Houghton.

I have received from him the following communication:

London, England, Jan. 14, 1869.

Columbus Smith, Esq.:

*Dear Sir:*—I have secured a few advertisements, which I shall forward at once. The chancery case appears to be a good one; and I am endeavoring to ascertain the pedigree of Thomas Houghton. Perhaps this advertisement refers to the property originally claimed by the Houghtons of America. I have not yet been able to ascertain the amount in the case. But I hope soon to have reliable data, which will enable us to settle the matter. The fact of the property remaining so long unclaimed, is sufficient to encourage us. The other advertisements shall be attended to, also. So that nothing shall remain undone which will enable us to ascertain the cause of the tradition which has encouraged the claimants thus far. You have, probably, received some pedigrees, which I forwarded to your address some time since.

I have examined, particularly, the Evans Houghton claim, but am not yet able to report. The case involves much labor, and the records are almost inaccessible.

I hope, however, to be able to report upon this particular case soon.

With reference to the Houghton-tower claim, I think that the rightful claimants are now in possession of the property.

In the Bank of England, I have learned that there are still unclaimed dividends, standing in the name Houghton.

I am now at work, and shall exert every means to do justice to the case. Yours, truly,

A. B. HERRICK.

*Re Houghton.*

"Pursuant to a decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in a cause, 'Houghton vs. Chaffees.' Such of the next of kin of Thomas Houghton, late of Liverpool, in Co. Lancaster, surgeon, deceased, as were living at the time of his death, which happened about April, 1844, and also the legal personal representatives of such of them as have since died, are forthwith to come in and make out their claims as such next of kin, &c., before Richard Richards,

one of the masters of the said Court, in Chancery Lane."—[*London Gazette*, 1852.

"Thomas Houghton, formerly of Tilney Cum Islington, Norfolk, farmer, or his representatives, will hear something of advantage by applying to De'Bernurdy, 69 Northumberland St. Strand."—[*Times, March* 20, 1861.

"All persons claiming to be heirs at law and next of kin of Elizabeth Houghton, spinster, (who died January, 1823,) living at the time of her death, or to be such heir or heirs at law, or the personal representatives of any of the next of kin. The above named Elizabeth Houghton was the daughter of Richard Houghton, of the parish of St. Botolph, without Aldgate, in city of London, carpenter, who died in 1764, and of Margaret, his wife, and granddaughter of James Houghton, of Kinkham, near Preston, in Co. Lancaster, within, and at time of her death resided in Hill St. Bukely Sq. Also wanted, next of kin of Nancy Edwards, who was sister of said Elizabeth Houghton, and for several years previous to her death (in Sept. 1837,) resided at Enfield, in county Middlesex."—[*Mann's Almanack*, 1845.

"Thomas W. Houghton, son of Rev. Robert Houghton, of Dedham, in county of Essex, born in 1797. He was heard from in America, in 1830. He, or his representatives, will hear of advantage."—[*Times, May* 3, 1851.

Mr. Herrick sent me pedigrees of Richard Houghton, of Thornley, in the county of Hereford, Thomas Houghton, of Houghton Tower, John Houghton, of Borough of Stamford, in the county of Lincoln, and of Roger Houghton, all of which he copied from the heralds' manuscripts. As none of these seem to hit the family of American Houghtons, I concluded they would not be interesting to the members of this Association. I, therefore, omit them in this report.

Francis W. Houghton, of New York city, who has been long engaged in tracing the pedigree of the Houghton family, and in collecting interesting facts relating to the same, having succeeded in collecting a very large amount of information not generally known to the family, kindly forwarded to me the following communication, which I consider highly interesting, and his suggestions worthy of attention :

I have compiled the following genealogy from numerous genealogies sent me by various branches of the Houghton family. I have made it as correct as I can from the information I possess.

I. Ralph Houghton came to America from England. He married Jane ——, and report says he had two children born in England, viz. Ralph and James. Besides those children he had, by his wife Jane, issue,

II. Eight children, named in the preceding genealogy of Francis W. Houghton.

Ralph, the son of Ralph above named, is said to have married and had issue, viz :

III. 1. Joshua, born in Lancaster, and
2. Eleazer, " " 1650; died in Lunenburg, Feb. 20, 1750.

Eleazer Houghton married Elizabeth Divol, and came to Lunenburg in 1726, and settled on the farm now in possession of Stephen Houghton, their great grandson, He was constable there in 1738. His wife Elizabeth was born in Lancaster, 1693, and died January 27, 1785. One gravestone marks their place of interment, upon which is the following inscription :

"They were born in Lancaster, and moved to Lunenburg in 1726.
They lived together a married life 69 years and upward.

He lived a peaceful and pious life.
And never had a lawsuit in his life.

By this you see we are but dust;
Prepare for death and follow us."

They had the following issue, viz :

IV. 1. Mariam.
2. Lois, who married Nathaniel Hastings.
3. Darius.

4. Robert, who died August 7, 1740.
5. Elizabeth, born in Lunenburg, December 5, 1728; married Robert Fletcher, of Lancaster.
6. Ruth, born January 30, 1732; married Moses Stevens.
7. Esther, born January 17, 1735; baptized May 11, 1735; died unmarried.
8. Eleazer, born May 26, 1737; baptized October 23, 1737.
9. Susannah, born May 10, 1743; baptized May 23. 1743; died September 7, 1746.

Eleazer Houghton, last above named, was constable in Lunenburg in 1772, collector from 1772 to 1785, selectman in 1793. He married, March 8, 1764, Susannah Holman, who was born in Sterling in 1742. Both were admitted to full communion June 29, 1766. He died December 28, 1826, and she died August 19, 1800.

The following inscription is on her tombstone:

"How swiftly life doth pass away—
The longest life is but a day;
Therefore attend, ye living, all—
Prepare for death, our Saviour call."

They had the following children, viz:

V. 1. Susannah, born August 8, 1764; died unmarried.
2. Manasseh, born September 28, 1765; died in Grafton, Vt.
3. Judith, born December 1, 1766; married James Fuller, and resided in Walpole, N. H.; died there or in Keene.
4. Sarah, born March 10, 1768; married Benjamin Burgess. She died October 12, 1850, and he died October 18, 1840, aged 68.
5. Stephen, born October 27, 1769; died in Lunenburg.
6. Eleazer, born March 26, 1771. He married Lois Gibson, and died in Grafton, Vt., February 18, 1848.
7. Esther, born November 6, 1772.
8. Ruth, baptized April 3, 1775, and died soon after.

9. Ruth, born December 13, 1776; married John Holman, of Londonderry, September 1, 1801; died in Pennsylvania.

10. Lois, born December 15, 1778; married Wm. Palmer. She died at Grafton, Vt., without issue.

Manasseh Houghton, above named, married Betsy Whitcomb. He died October 6, 1843. They had the following children, viz:

VI. 1. Xenophon, born September 27, 1796; died June 13, 1868.

2. Calvin, born August 19, 1801.

3. Betsy, born March 18, 1806; died September 21, 1839.

Xenophon, above named, married Esther Eastman, and had issue, viz:

VII. Mary Melinda Houghton, born April 17, 1825. She married Alden S. Gibson October 22, 1844.

V. 6. Eleazer Houghton, married Lois Gibson, of Grafton, Vt., and had issue, viz:

VI. 1. Royal, born January 25, 1804; died in Grafton, Vt.

2. Thomas P., born May 5, 1806.

Isaac, born May 25, 1808; died in Illinois.

John, born September 10, 1810; died in infancy.

Lois, born March 13, 1812; died in infancy.

John, born September 12, 1813; died in Grafton.

Calvin C., born February 11, 1817.

Amanda, born February 18, 1819.

III. Joshua, the son of* Ralph, before named, married Elizabeth Bennet, and had issue, viz:

IV. 1. Jerusha Houghton, born January 7, 1720; married Nathaniel Bixby, 1741. She died in 1812.

2. Saul, born May 6, 1722.

3. Orpha, born November 6, 1724; died unmarried.

4. Vashti, born May 7, 1726–7; married Jonathan Prescott.

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* I have been recently informed that this Joshua was the son of Robert, who was the second son of John and Beatrix, and not of Ralph.

5. Joshua, born May 6, 1728.
6. Solomon, born June 5, 1729.
7. Tirus, born April 16, 1732; married Rachel Holt, 1755, in Lancaster.
8. Hiram, born June 6, 1735.

Jerusha Houghton, above named, had issue by her husband, N. Bixby, viz:

V. 1. Levi Bixby, born August 7, 1743, in Lancaster.
2, 3. Jerusha and Elizabeth Bixby, twins, born 1745; died young.
4. Keziah, born October, 1747.
5. Lois, born 1749.
6. Relief, born 1751; died young.
7. Adonijah, born May, 1753.
8. Abigail, born September, 1755.
9. Nathaniel, born July, 1758.
10. Eunice, born 1760.

Levi Bixby, last above named, married Ruth Darling, October 2, 1766, and had the following issue, born in Winchendon, Mass., viz:

VI. 1 and 2. Lois and Eunice, twins, born April 5, 1768.
3. Zibah, born October 17, 1770.
4. Lucinda, born May 8, 1773.
5. Levi, born February 28, 1776.

By his second wife, Tabitha Boynton, he had children, viz:

6. Stephen Bixby, born December 8, 1780; killed.
7. Ruth, born December 21, 1782.
8. Tabitha, born September 26, 1784.
9. Persis, born October 15, 1786.

Levi Bixby died in Winchendon, Mass., October, 1803, aged 60 years, 1 month and 29 days.

Eunice Bixby, daughter of Levi and Ruth, above named, married Barnabas Miller, January 28, 1796, and had the following issue, viz:

VII. 1. Lucinda Miller, born November 26, 1796, in Westboro, Mass.

2. Lyman, born November 18, 1798, in Westboro, Mass.

3. Henry, born May 5, 1801; died unmarried.

4. James Dexter, born July 5, 1803.

5. Lucy A., born April 8, 1807.

6. Maria, born August 5, 1810.

7. Levi B., born March 4, 1813.

6. Maria Miller, above named, married Pearly P. Taft, of Upton, Mass., May 13, 1832, and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. Alonzo P. Taft, born February 5, 1837.

2. Henry E., born February 8, 1839.

3. Geo. W., born August 27, 1841.

4. Mary M., born July 19, 1848.

VI. 3. Zibah Bixby, above named, married Ephraim Murdock, February 4, 1798, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Lucy, born December 16, 1798; married Mark Whitcomb, March 13, 1821, in Winchendon, Mass,, and had four sons and two daughters, now living in Winchendon.

2. Ephraim Murdock, born August 17, 1800.

3. Elisha, born August 27, 1802; married Roanah Morse, by whom he had one son, who died young, and two daughters.

4. William, born October 9, 1804; married Mary Whitney, July 8, 1841.

5. George, born November 8, 1806; died unmarried.

6. Charles, born April 24, 1809; married Fidelia Prouty, of Worcester, March 31, 1838, and died October 4, 1863, leaving two sons and one daughter, living in Baltimore.

7. Mary Murdock, born October 3, 1811; married Amasa Whitney, July 24, 1834, and had a son and daughter, now living in Winchendon.

VI. 4. Lucinda Bixby, the fourth child of Levi and Ruth Bixby, above named, married Gardner Wilder, June, 1795, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Sophia, born October 12, 1796.
2. Elisha, born March 8, 1798; died unmarried.
3. Levi, born May 6, 1800; died in 1865.
4. Eliza, born March 28, 1802.
5. Simon W., born July 12, 1804; died unmarried.
6. William, born June 14, 1811.
7. Maria A., born August 25, 1814.

1. Sophia Wilder, above named, married James Fry, November 17, 1820, and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. Charles J. Fry, born January 29, 1823; married.
2. Eliza M. Fry, born April 29, 1825; died 1855.
3. Mary A. Fry, born February 17, 1829; married.

VII. 7. Maria A. Wilder, above named, married John Bowtell, November 6, 1835, and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. Adelia S. Bowtell, born February 21, 1837; died 1856.
2. Mary E., born December 26, 1840; married.
3. Geo. H., born September 4, 1847.
4. Martha E., born March 13, 1853.

V. Keziah Bixby, the fourth child of Nathaniel and Jerusha above named, married Richard Pearson, of Winchendon, Mass., July 6, 1767, and had issue, viz:

VI. 1. Relief Pearson, born April 6, 1769.
2. Abigail Pearson, born April 26, 1771.
3. Oliver Pearson, born May 15, 1773.
4. Kitty Pearson, born June 15, 1775.
5. Sarah Pearson, born May 12, 1777; died May 10, 1779.

Keziah married, October 6, 1785, Amos Haywood, of Winchendon, for her second husband, and had issue by him, viz:

6. Susan Haywood, born March 27, 1786.
7. Sally Haywood, born July 4, 1789.

7. Sally Haywood married Jonah Carter, of Winchendon, Mass., February 27, 1826, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Maria H. Cartrr, born February 13, 1807; died May 16, 1807.

2. Maria H. Carter, born April 8, 1808; died December 15, 1827.

3. Marsylva C. Carter, born January 22, 1810; married Sumner Wilder, of Orange, Vt.; had issue.

4. Amos H. Carter, born November 21, 1811; had issue.

5. Byron B. Carter, born September 4, 1813; died May 30, 1831.

6. Abigail K. Carter, born September 3, 1815; died January 15, 1850.

7. Jude H. Carter, born July 7, 1817; died July, 1850. Married Julia Ann Parker, and had issue, Emma E.

8. Sarah A. Carter, born April 13, 1819; died April 2, 1861.

9. Catherine F. Carter, born May 27, 1821; married Wm. Logan, of Jeffersonville, Ind., January 9, 1842, and had issue.

10. Olive J. Carter, born September 26, 1826; died January 17, 1843.

11. Nancy M. Carter, born July 2, 1830; died June, 1853.

Sally Carter, above named, died in Indianapolis, Ind., September, 1855, aged 66.

4. Amos H. Carter, above named, married Adaline Divoll, in Weathersfield, Vt., September 18, 1838, and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. James D. Carter, born in Surrey, N. H., July 26, 1839.

2. Henry H. Carter, born in Surrey, N. H., March 1, 1843.

3. Francis L. Carter, born in Surrey, N. H., September 12, 1844; died April 16, 1847.

4. Edna F. Carter; died in Chester, Vt., March 12, 1849.

VII. 6. Abigail K. Carter, above named, married Joshua B. Blake, May 9, 1839, and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. Oscar B. Blake, born January 15, 1840, in Surrey, N. H.; married Helen A. Fisher, February 18, 1864, in Mansonville, N. H.

2. Ira E., born February 22, 1843.

3. Abbie J., born March 10, 1845.

4. Mary L., born January 24, 1848; died, unmarried, September 4, 1863.

VI. 4. Kitty Pearson, above named, married John Wilder, of Winchendon, Mass., 1797, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Sarah Wilder, born in 1798, in Winchendon.

2. Ivers Wilder, born in 1800.

3. Sumner Wilder, born November 13, 1802.

4. Wallen A., born February 4, 1805; died unmarried.

3. Sumner Wilder, above named, married, May 12, 1831, M. T. Carter, of Weathersfield, Vt., and had issue.

2. Ivers Wilder, above named, married Abigail Charterlow, of Wallingford, Vt., April 15, 1828, and died November 25, 1864. He had, by his wife Abigail, the following issue, viz:

VIII. 1. George I. Wilder, born May 2, 1829.

2. Ursula A. Wilder, born June 14, 1830.

3. Otis D. Wilder, born July 7, 1831.

4. Mountvillro Wilder, born June 10, 1834.

5. Horace J. Wilder, July 24, 1835.

6. Sarah H. Wilder, October 8, 1837.

7. Harriet E., born May 13, 1839.

8. Joannah M., born April 3, 1841.

9. Daniel Wilder, born November 1, 1843.

10. Mary E. Wilder, born June 15, 1847.

VI. 2. Abigail Pearson, above named, married Lemuel Heywood, of Winchendon, January 1, 1801, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Richard Heywood, born December 1, 1801; died August 28, 1805.

2. Abigail Heywood, born February 28, 1803.

3. Vernon Heywood, born July 28, 1804; died August 26, 1805.

4. Sarah R. Heywood, born January 19, 1806.

5. Caroline Heywood, born November 6, 1807.

6. Nelson Heywood, born April 2, 1809; died March 28, 1826.

7. Maline B. Heywood, born May 8. 1812; married Arthur Boucher, of Winchendon, May 15, 1848. They have one daughter.

8. Lemuel Heywood, born April 3, 1814.

VI. 3. Oliver Pearson, above named, married Lydia Priest, in Winchendon, October 14, 1800, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Lovisa D. Pearson, born April 7, 1802.

2. Mary B. Pearson, born June 30, 1803; died September 23, 1805.

3. Oliver S. Pearson, born April, 1805.

4. Mary B. Pearson, born November 22, 1806.

5. Richard V. Pearson, born August 14, 1811; died unmarried, in Ohio, February 16, 1839.

6. Sarah Pearson, born January 7, 1813.

4. Mary B. Pearson, above named, married Daniel Drury, of Weston, Vt., May 19, 1825, and had issue, all born at Weston, viz:

VIII. 1. Abbie M., born January 20, 1826.

2. David P., born May 26, 1828; died —— ——.

3. Lucy M., born May 13, 1830.

4. Sarah J., born September 13, 1833.

5. Martha L., born January 13, 1841.

Mary B. Drury, above named, died September 2, 1858, at Columbus, Ohio.

6. Martha L. Drury, above named, married Edmund Spaulding, September 3, 1854, and had issue, one son and one daughter.

VI. 6. Susan Heywood married Thomas Knowlton, of Winchendon, December 12, 1806, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Mary H. Knowlton, born August 31, 1807.
2. Elizabeth S. Knowlton, born July 8, 1809.
3. Lucy C. Knowlton, born April 20, 1811.
4. Thomas S. Knowlton, born May 20, 1813.
5. Amos Knowlton, born April 27, 1815.
6. Susan A. Knowlton, born January 22, 1821; married Francis C. Gerould, November 10, 1844.
7. Charles J. Knowlton, born December 22, 1824.
8. Charles H. Knowlton, born January 9, 1830.

Susan, wife of Thomas Knowlton, above named, died February 27, 1859.

VI. 1. Lois Bixby, above named, eldest daughter of Levi and Ruth, married Obil Fassett, September 28, 1794, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1 and 2. Joseph and Benjamin, *twins*, born May 1, 1795; Benjamin died in infancy.
3. John, born December 18, 1796; married Margaret Burphy, and died April 20, 1857.
4. Francis, born July 21, 1798; died October 5, 1800.
5. Isabel, born April 28, 1800; married —— Rice.
6. Stephen, born September 1, 1802; married Eliza Thayer.
7. Clarissa, born August 24, 1804; died July 24, 1819.
8. Obil W., born January 17, 1808; died without issue.
9 and 10. Two sons, born July 6, 1809; died the same day.
11. Eunice B., born February 21, 1811; married Abraham Pierce, February 16, 1831.
12. Thomas W., born August 30, 1813; married Rachel Blodgett, May 17, 1838.

Obil Fassett died in Fitzwilliam, N. H., November 14, 1841, and his widow Lois, August 11, 1847.

Joseph Fassett, last above named, married Tabitha Wright and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. Tabitha, born August 26, 1820; married Edward R. H. Stewart.

2. Joseph W., born June 7, 1822; had issue.

3. Lois B., born November 1, 1823; married Abel Thompson. She died October 7, 1846, leaving issue.

4. John B., born October 12, 1825; married Lydia A. Phelps, November 23, 1851.

5. Joel E., born August 8, 1827; a soldier in 2d Reg't N. H. V.; died May 11, 1864, unmarried.

6. Edward G., born September 16, 1829; died May 20, 1850.

7. Luther W., born November 12, 1831; married Sarah E. Fassett, September 24, 1856. He was killed at Evan's Fort, Va., by a rebel, April 2, 1862, leaving one child.

8. Danvers C., born May 2, 1834; married H. Harmond. He was a soldier in 1st Reg't heavy artillery, N. H. V.

9. Clarissa C., born January 9, 1836; married Sumner Webber. She died December 26, 1856, leaving a son.

VII. 6. Stephen F. Fassett, above named, married Eliza Thayer, May 16, 1825, and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. Mary Fassett, born February, 1826; married Charles Allen, November, 1851.

2. Lydia Fassett, born October, 1827; died August, 1865.

3. Eliza Fassett, born December, 1828.

4. Laura Fassett, born July 9, 1830; married Abel Thompson, April, 1847.

5. Catherine Fassett, born December, 1832; died December, 1851.

6. Jane Fassett, born July, 1835; died April, 1836.

7. Thomas Fassett, born July, 1837; died December 1, 1862.

8. Hobart Fassett, born November 27, 1838; died December 1, 1862.

9. Franklin Fassett, born March 12, 1842.

10. Julia Isabel, born July 6, 1844; married Alonzo Harper, April 10, 1867.

Stephen F. Fassett, above named, died May 8, 1856, aged 53, and Eliza, his widow, died August 27, 1862.

VII. 3. John Fassett, above named, was married, by Rev. Laban Ainsworth, of Jaffrey, N. H., to Margaret Burfee, March 8, 1827, and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. John F. Fassett, born January 14, 1829; died August 27, 1829.

2. Martha A., born April 28, 1830; died, without issue, August 22, 1849.

3. John A., born June 25, 1833; married Clarissa Cady.

4. Thomas W., born September 22, 1827; married Ocenna Hazel.

5. Henry P., born April 24, 1841; married Gertrude Wise, November 5, 1862.

6. Mary A., born July 11, 1846; died September 12, 1863.

VII. 5. Isabel Fassett married Loammi Rice, March 20, 1822, in Westborough, Mass,, and had issue, viz:

VIII. 1. Lorenzo D. Rice, born June 23, 1822; married Catie Haynes.

2. George F., born January 10, 1824; married Ann Hovey.

3. Clarissa, born January 15, 1826; married James L. Cochran. She died August 9, 1850.

4. Ellen A., born September 9, 1838; married George Palmer.

5. Lucy M., born February 11, 1842; married Geo. Whitney. She ——— died March 20, 1867.

IV. 4. Vashti Houghton, above named, married Jonathan Prescott, and had issue, born in Lancaster, Mass., viz:

V. 1. Hiram Prescott, born April 16, 1748; married Phebe Bowker, and died in Fitzwilliam, N. H., without issue.

2. Jonathan Prescott, born June 8, 1750; married Mary Brigham, of Shrewsbury.

3. Vashti, born May 24, 1753; married Rufus Wilder of Ashby, Mass.

4. Johannah, born April 12, 1756; died young.

5. Peter, born April 3, 1758; married Polly Vinton.

6. Johannah, born August 13, 1760; died unmarried.

7. Elizabeth, born November 15, 1762; married Jeremiah Burpee, of Sterling, Mass.

5. Peter Prescott, last above named, died in Fitzwilliam, N. H., July 14, 1851. He married Polly Wilson, and had issue, viz:

VI. 1. Sally Prescott; married —— Fisher.

2. Ebenezer; married and had issue.

3. Peter; married Katie Bigelow, and died without issue.

4. Johannah, born 1794; married.

5. Benjamin; married Polly Fry, and had issue.

6. Eli; married, and had issue.

4. Johannah Prescott, last above named, married David Moore, April 1, 1816, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Lydia Moore; married.

2. Lucy; married.

3. William; died unmarried.

4. Thomas; married, and had issue.

5. Lucinda, born December 31, 1828, in Roylston, Mass.; married Moses Cudworth, of Rindge, N. H., March 25, 1850.

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The following has been received from E. C. Houghton, of Boston, Mass., to which I have made a few additions, taken from other pedigrees sent me:

John Houghton, who emigrated from England, died a. d. 1684. His children, by his wife Beatrix, are as follows:

John, born 1650, of Lancaster, Mass.
Robert, born 1658.
Jonas, born 1663.
Beatrix, born 1665.
Benjamin, born 1668.
Sarah, born 1672.
Mary, born ——.

The descendants of the fourth son, Benjamin, are:

Jacob, 1696.
Josiah, 1698.
Benjamin, 1700.
Jonathan.
John.

The descendants of his third son, Benjamin, Jr., by his wife Ruth, are as follows:

Ezra, born 1722; married ——, died ——.
Abijah, born 1723.
Abigail, born 1724; " 1802.
Relief, born 1726.
Elijah, born 1728.
Paine, born 1730. Parnee
Philoman, born 1731.
Nathan, born 1732. Nahum
Lemuel, born 1735.
Benjamin, born 1740.
Ephraim, born 1742. ?
Elizabeth, born 1743.

The descendants of his second son, Abijah, who married a Joslin, are as follows:

Abijah, born 1747; married Mary Sawyer; died 1831.
Abel, born 1756;
Benjamin.
Rebecca; married Allen.
Alice; married Allen.
Relief; married Calvin Sawyer.
Zilpha; married Luther Sawyer.

The descendants of his eldest son, ABIJAH, by his wife Mary Sawyer, are as follows:

CHARLOTTE, born 1771; married Daniel Burditt.
ARATHUSA, born 1773; married Ethan Kendall; died 1807.
KEZIA, born 1777; married Jehiel Wilcox; died 1861.
ABNER, born 1775; married Phebe Coolidge; died 1866.
MARY, born 1780; married Artaless Ellis; died 1865.
ZILBY T., born 1785; married Annie Smith.
OLIVE, born 1787; married John Weatherbee; died 1867.
ABIJAH O., born 1790; married Eliza Farren; died 1851.
ALICE, born 1792; married Sherman H. Forbes; died 1830.

The descendants of his eldest son ABNER, who married Phebe Cooledge, are as follows:

SAWYER, born 1804; married Mary Goulden.
ARATHUSA R., born 1806; married John Davidson.
MARY, born 1808; married Wm. C. Stone.
ROBERT C., born 1813; married Lucy Forbush; died October 3, 1847.
CHARLOTTE, born 1811.
OLIVE W., born 1815; married Luther Hapgood.
ABNER M., born 1817; married Mary Quinam.
AMANDA E., born 1820; died 1823.
KERZIAH, born 1822; died 1831.
LEVI, born 1826; married Mary Sears.

The descendants of ROBERT COOLEDGE, second son of Abner Houghton, by his wife Lucy Forbush, of Stow, Mass., are as follows:

JONATHAN F., born 1838; died November 28, 1847.
EUGENE C., born March 11, 1844.

OLIVE W. HOUGHTON, the fourth daughter of Abner Houghton, above named, married Luther M. Hapgood, and had the following children, viz:

1. LUTHER S. HAPGOOD, born 1836.
2. JOSEPH H,, born 1839.
3. ANN M., born 1841.
4. CHARLOTTE H., born 1843.

5. Abner C., born 1845.
6. Sarah J., born 1847.
7. Olive Q., born 1849.
8. John G., born 1851.
9. Ellis H., born 1855.
10. Urania A., born 1857.
11. Abbie G., born 1860.

Robert Houghton, first above named, son of John and Beatrix, born 1658; married Hester, and had issue, viz:

1. Isabel Houghton, born June 6, 1687.
2. Abigail, born April 18, 1689.
3. Eleazeb, born 1691; died 1790.
4. Joshua, born 1695, died in Lancaster, January 13, 1740. He married Elizabeth, and had issue, mentioned before.

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The following pedigree was furnished by Abel Bowers:

III. Jonathan Houghton, the son of Benjamin Houghton, and the grandson of John and Beatrix Houghton, married Mary, and had the following children, viz:

IV. 1. Abigail, born September 7, 1726.
2. Ebenezer, born October 1, 1729.
3. Mary, born September 5, 1731.
4. Lexina, born August 13, 1733.
5. Jonathan, born November 7, 1737.

Mary Houghton, last above named, married Jerethmel Bowers, and had the following children, all born in Leominster, viz:

V. 1. Samuel Bowers, born 1753; married Rebecca Nichols.
2. Mary Bowers, born October 29, 1755, married —— Starr.
3. John Bowers, born September 7, 1757; married.
4. Susie Bowers, born November 3, 1762; married Mr. Derby.
5. Esther Bowers, born August 28, 1768; married Jac. May.

Samuel Bowers, last above named, had, by his wife Rebecca, the following children, all born in Leominster, Mass., viz:

VI. 1. Samuel, born October 17, 1779.
2. Phebe, born October 15, 1782; married S. Maynard.
3. John, born June 13, 1785; married Nancy Carter.
4. Rebecca, born January 1, 1787; married J. Sawyer.
5. Rufus, born January 27, 1789; married Relief Gibson.
6. Artemas, born July 22, 1791; married Phebe Hale.
7. Abel, born October 29, 1793; married Mary A Brown.
8. Polly, born March 5, 1798; married Moses Brown

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The following has been forwarded, but I do not know the name of the person who sent it:

III. Israel Houghton, born 1676, is said to have been the son of John Houghton, who was born in 1650. He married, and had the following children, viz:

IV. 1. Israel, born December 13, 1723.
2. Joseph, born December 3, 1724.
3. Phineas, born September 23, 1726.
4. Martha, born January 8, 1729.
5. Joseph, born May 21, 1733.
6. Prudence, born February 7, 1734.
7. Eunice, born January 31, 1736.
8. Benjamin, born September 25, 1739.

7. Eunice Houghton married Aquilla Jewett, and had issue.

V. 1. Israel H. Jewett, born December 21, 1768; died February 2, 1813.
2. William.
3. Benjamin, born in 1774.
4. Samuel.
5. Arthusa.
6. Eunice.

Israel H. Jewett, last above named, married Susanna Wood, October 18, 1796, and had issue, viz:

VI. 1. Elizabeth, born October 15, 1797; died 1858.
2. Aquella, born October 11, 1799; died in infancy.

3. Eli, born June 20, 1801; married Mary Metcalf.
4. Susanna, born October 5, 1803; died January 2, 1865.
5. Harriet, born March 9, 1806; married Barney Johnson.
6. Mary, born February 4, 1809; married Russell Barber.
7. Lois, born January 5, 1813; married Charles Earle.

Elizabeth Jewett, last above named, married Joel Newton, January 30, 1827, and had issue, viz:

VII. 1. Mary L., born August 14, 1829; died April 12, 1847.
2. Susan E., born February 8, 1833.
3. Calesla, born November 1, 1835.

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The following is a portion of the pedigree furnished by Lewis G. Houghton, of Ashby, Mass. He claims that Jacob Houghton, born 1654, was the second son of John Houghton. This Jacob Houghton married and had the following issue, viz:

III. 1. Jacob Houghton, born 1675.
2. Israel, born 1676.
3. Benjamin, born 1678.
4. Jane.

Benjamin, last above named, married and had issue, viz:

IV. 1. Ezra, born 1722.
2. Abigail, born 1723.
3. Abijah, born 1725.
4. Benjamin, born 1726.
5. Elijah, born 1728.
6. Philemon, born 1731.
7. Nahiam, born 1732.
8. Ruth, born 1734.
9. Lbmuel, born 1735.
10. Ephraim, born 1740.
11. Elizabeth, born 1743.

Elijah, last above named, married and had issue, viz:

V. 1. Mary Houghton, born 1754; died 1842.
2. Seth, born 1757; died 1815.
3. Rebecca, born 1758; died 1813.
4. Elijah, born 1761; died 1837.
5. Fenno, born 1766; died 1768.

Elijah Houghton, last above named, married and had issue, viz:

VI. 1. Lucy Houghton, born 1789; died 1826.
2. Elijah, born 1792; died 1855.
3. Sally, born 1799; died 1801.
4. Richard W., born 1802; died 1846.
5. Lewis G., born 1807.

Lucy Houghton, last above named, married Isaac Damon, 1811, and had issue, viz:

VII. Isaac W. Damon, born 1812.
Elijah P. Damon, born 1815.
Franklin H. Damon, born 1818.

As Mr. Rice, in his report in 1848, gave the genealogy of the Houghton-Tower family, I thought it not best to republish it in this report,

# FAMILY RECORD

*Of* Oscar L. Eastman, *of Ontario, N. Y., copied from his Family Bible.*

BIRTHS.

| Parents' Names. | | Date of Birth. |
|---|---|---|
| John Houghton, | | December 11, 1774. |
| Elizabeth Jackson, | | March 29, 1784. |

CHILDREN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Royal, | | March 7, 1802. |
| Hiram, | | January 10, 1804. |
| Jehial, | | January 24, 1806. |
| Joanna, | | October 2, 1807. |
| Second daughter, | (Died) | June 9, 1810. |
| Warren, | | January 26, 1812. |
| Harvey, | | March 1, 1814. |
| Antoinett, | | September 18, 1816. |
| Harriet M., | | October 17, 1818. |
| John, Jr., | | January 16, 1821. |
| Elizabeth, | | April 27, 1823. |

DEATHS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Harvey Houghton, | October 17, 1849. |
| Father Houghton, | October 10, 1850. |
| John Houghton, Jr. | April 16, 1852. |
| other Houghton, | November 24, 1855. |
| Hiram Houghton, | —— —— 1857. |

*The following was taken from the Town Records of Bolton, by R. S. Edes, Town Clerk:*

| Given Name. | Parents' Names. | Date of Birth. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Molly. | Benjamin and Mary Houghton. | July 18, 1743. | |
| Joseph. | Benjamin and Mary Houghton. | Jan. 24, 1746–7. (?) | |
| Benjamin. | " " " | July 11, 1749. | |
| Abigail. | " " " | Nov. 1, 1751. | |
| Betty. | " " " | Oct. 29, 1756. | |
| Lucretia. | Joseph and Martha Houghton. | Feb. 2, 1763. | |
| Luther. | " " " | Nov. 14, 1764. | |
| Lucy. | " " " | Oct. 28, 1766. | |
| Sanderson. | Joseph and Susanna Houghton. | March 11, 1768. | (See marriages, A.) |
| Anna. | " " " | May 22, 1769. | |
| Mary. | " " " | Oct. 24, 1770. | |
| Joseph. | " " " | June 19, 1772. | |
| Henry. | " " " | March 6, 1774. | |
| Benjamin. | Joseph, Jr., and Lois Houghton. | Jan. 22, 1770. | (See marriages, B.) |
| Joseph. | " " " | Sept. 29, 1772. | |
| William. | " " " | July 19, 1775. | |
| Thomas. | Joseph and Lois Houghton. m. n. Ross, of Scotland. | Feb. 10, 1781. | |
| Danforth. | Thomas and Asenath Houghton. | April 23, 1805. | |
| Sherman Willard. | " " " | July 31, 1807. | |
| Luther Willard. | " " " | Nov. 26, 1809. | |
| Asenath Whitney. | " " " | June 15, 1813. | |

MARRIAGES.

(B.) Joseph Houghton, Jr., of Bolton, to Lois Ross, of Bolton, by Abel Willard, J. P., November 29, 1770, at Lancaster.

(A.) Joseph Houghton, of Bolton, to Susanna Brooks, of Bolton, by Mr. Thomas Goss, June 23, 1767.

DEATHS.

Joseph Houghton, died November 27, 1788, aged 68 yrs. 9. mos. 13 days.

S. W. Houghton, of Putney, Vermont, writes me that he has in his possession the original deed, given to John Houghton, of the township of Lancaster, Mass., dated June 6, 1701, signed by George Tehanto, Indian Sagamore, and six chiefs. Also the original letters of administration granted to Jacob Houghton on the estate of his father, John Houghton, who died February 3, 1736. This is signed by Joseph Chandler, judge of probate, and dated May 12, 1737. He further says, in his letter, that Robert Houghton, of Southwark, England, brewer, gave to Massachusetts Colony ten barrels of powder, and received the thanks of Gov. Vane and Lieut. Gov. Winthrop, June 28, 1636.

The foregoing, I believe, is nearly all the information I shall be able to collect in America, relative to the Houghton family and property, which can be of any advantage to Mr. Herrick in making his investigation in England.

I shall now forward to him all the information I have collected relative to the family and property, and request him to spare no pains, but make a thorough examination of the case in England, hoping his exertions may be crowned with success.

COLUMBUS SMITH.

West Salisbury, Vt., May 14, 1869.

# The Colonial Houghtons.

The Houghtons of Massachusetts are mostly descended from Ralph and John Houghton, who came to America, from England, some time between the years 1635 and 1647.

The name is largely represented among the original settlers of New England. The orthography differs considerably in old official records, the name of the same person being indifferently written Houghton, Haughton, Hauton, Horton, &c.

The first mention of the name we find in America, is in 1629, when Henry Haughton, having arrived by Higginson's fleet, landed at Salem, Mass. He was made a ruling elder in the church, and died the same year.

Chri: Houghton, aged 19, came to Virginia, January 6, 1635, in the "Thomas and John Richard," Lombard, master.

William Houghton, butcher, aged 22, came from England in the "Increase," Captain Robert Lea, April 15, 1635. He shortly after removed to Connecticut.

On the 20th June, 1635, "Joh: Houghton, 4 yers. old," landed at Charlestown from the "Abigail de London," Captain Hackwell. His certificate was signed by the minister of Eaton Bray, near Dunstable, County Bedford, England. This may, perhaps, afford a clue to his parentage and birth-place.

The name also appears among those of the original settlers of Wales, Mass.

Richard Haughton, of Boston, with his sons, Joseph and Robert, born respectively about 1639 and 1642, removed in 1651 to New London. A. Richard Haughton died at Wethersfield, Conn., in 1682.

In 1649, William Haughton is named as a resident of Providence.

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## RALPH HOUGHTON.

We have no record of the landing of Ralph Houghton. The Houghtons, of Milton, Mass., who are his lineal descendants, and who still occupy the homestead,* erected by him or by his son at that place, have the tradition that he arrived between 1635 and 1647; that he was a son of Sir Richard Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, Lancashire, England, who was created a baronet by King James I, upon the institution of the order, in 1611; that, although Ralph had been knighted by the king, for services rendered to his person, he fought under Cromwell against King Charles I; and that, in consequence thereof, and of his religious opinions, he was forced to flee to America, leaving valuable estates, which are justly the property of his heirs.

This tradition is clearly traceable for four generations at least; and it is therefore reasonable to suppose that it also passed through the two previous generations, intervening between them and Ralph.

Although the Hoghtons, of Hoghton Tower, do not credit the tradition that Ralph was the son of Sir Richard, and although no documentary proofs of its correctness can now be produced, yet circumstantial evidences are not wanting.

Sir Richard died in the year 1630, leaving several sons, among whom were Sir Gilbert, the eldest, who succeeded to the family estates and honors, and transmitted them, in turn, to his descendants, who now hold them with an undoubted title; and, if our tradition is to be credited, Ralph, the progenitor of the Houghtons in America.

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* See engravings.

Sir Gilbert, the head of the family, during the civil war was a zealous and powerful adherent to the cause of the king. He garrisoned Hoghton Tower, and held it as a royal stronghold. This castle, situated on the summit of a commanding hill,* overlooking Preston, was almost impregnable against such artillery and arms as were used in those days, unaided by treachery. Moreover, Sir Gilbert was a favorite with the king, and had been a companion, in youthful sports, with the young princes, as appears by the records of the time. The king, with his court, had visited Hoghton Tower, and had been royally entertained there, with the most splendid festivities.

Ralph, on the contrary, is represented as having been as devoted a Roundhead as his brother was a Cavalier. Our old records, citing the tradition of his parentage, state that "he greatly excited the ire of the king against him." Now we know that, in 1643, Ralph was not over twenty years of age. He was, moreover, a younger son of a numerous family; and, however active he may have been in the revolutionary cause, he certainly made no mark in the general history of his time. How a person of no greater consequence than he, could have "greatly excited the ire" of a powerful monarch, it is not easy to conceive, except on the basis of some act of special audacity against either the king or some one near to him.

A possible cause for such a sentiment is afforded by the local history of the time. On the 13th of February, 1643, the parliamentary forces attacked Preston, and captured it, after a desperate conflict. They then turned their attention to Hoghton Tower, and took it also, but not until after the great central gateway had been treacherously blown up, killing over two hundred men. Sir Gilbert escaped by so hasty a flight, as to leave his lady and family prisoners in the hands of the enemy, and his brother RATCLIFFE, a captain of horse, among the killed.

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* This hill has been the seat of the family since the Conquest, A. D. 1066. One of its earliest possessors was styled "DOMINUS DE HOCTON," from the name of the estate; whence, by gradual corruption, we have our family name. Its literal signification is HIGH, corresponding to the French HAUT TON.

Now if it be possible that Ralph, in his puritanic hardihood, carried his zeal, in the revolutionary cause, so far as to lead, or even to assist, in the assault on his ancestral home, the bitterest feeling must have existed between his royalist brethren and himself; and it is therefore not surprising that his name appears no more upon the family rolls. This was before the great conflict between the king and his parliament was decided; and it was while the civil war was still raging, that Ralph sought a refuge in America. That he came with great secresy, is evident from the fact that no records extant show when or how he left England, or arrived here: nor can any papers be found in evidence of his identity.

Strong reasons why no records exist, concerning his parentage and his estates in England, are readily suggested. Whatever documents he brought with him were, no doubt, burned in 1675, when Lancaster, Mass., was taken by the Indians under King Phllip. Ralph was then the recording officer of the settlement, and the town records were destroyed with the place. Moreover, it is not reasonable to suppose that one who had fled from before a powerful enemy in England, would, in an English colony, publish the fact of his identity to all comers, or endeavor to replace any official documents he may have lost. On the contrary, he would naturally communicate the facts to his children only, whence the knowledge would descend by tradition alone; precisely as ours has done.

Still, again, America was then at an incredible distance, practically, from England; and when one had settled on the far-off shores of the New World, he was almost regarded as out of the world altogether. Being, then, separated from his former home, literally by a great gulf; and being, moreover, one of those stern old puritans who affected a disregard for the fleeting treasures of this lower world, it is not surprising that when he turned his back upon the Old World, he washed his hands of all things therein—especially such of its possessions as he could not carry with him.

Of course, it is not pretended that these traditions are proven to be true; and yet, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we are constrained to believe in the traditions which have been so religiously preserved, and transmitted to us, through many generations.

As a further evidence, in making researches among the family records, old genealogical collections, local histories, &c., much light has been thrown upon the subject, and considerable data discovered, which was not known to exist. Everything found, so far, goes to prove the truth of the family traditions, strengthening us in the belief of their entire truthfulness.

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## JOHN HOGHTON.

Another tradition obtains among the posterity of John Houghton, who was contemporaneous with Ralph, which, though it would seem, at first, to be incompatible with the traditions we have cited, is yet not irreconcilable with them. It is to the effect that Ralph and John were cousins, and were descended from JOHN and JONATHAN HOUGHTON, of Lancashire, England. A statement to that effect was inserted in the town records of Lancaster, Mass., some years ago, at the request of one of the Houghtons. What evidence exists for the statement I know not.

Of Jonathan Houghton, I can learn nothing; but the ancestor JOHN referred to, was probably the JOHN HOGHTON of Pendleton, in Lancashire, whose pedigree is set forth on the accompanying chart, It is possible that by "Jonathan" is meant John's grandfather John. To avoid confusion, we will designate the latter, John I, the former, (his grandson,) John II, and the John who emigrated to America, John III.

I. JOHN I married Elizabeth ———, and had issue—
II. 1. HENRY, the heir, mentioned in 1569.
2. ALEXANDER, married Maud, daughter of James Aspinwall.
3. ROGER, married Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. Lester, of Midhope.

II. HENRY HOGHTON, named above, had issue—
III. 1. *Robert Hoghton*, of Extwistle, 1567.
2. *George*.
3. JOHN II, the heir, married Agnes Asmull, 1584.

III. John II, by Agnes, his wife, had—

IV. 1. *Mary*, married, first, to George Singleton.
And secondly, to Livesay Conor, of Stayning.

2. Katharine, married to Thomas Hoghton, a younger brother of Sir Richard Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, who was created a baronet, by James I, May 22, 1611.

IV. Thomas and Katharine Hoghton, had issue—

V. 1. *Christian*, (or Christiana,) married to Thomas Woolfall, of Woolfall.

2. *Anne*, married to Simon Blakely, of Blakely.

3. *Jane*, married to John Ben.

4. *Katharine*, married to John Whiteside.

John III arrived in Massachusetts Bay, June 20, 1635, at the age of four years. If it can be proved that he was the son of Thomas and Katharine, as we suppose—and if Ralph was the son of Sir Richard, as our traditions declare—then Ralph and John III were blood-cousins, their parents, Sir Richard and Thomas, being brothers.

Upon the death of John II, his daughters Mary and Katharine, and his grand daughters Christiana, Anne, Jane and Katharine, became his co-heirs. If Thomas and Katharine, however, had had a son *in the way*, the estates would have been inherited by him, to the exclusion of the daughters.* This fact, in connection with John's shipment to America in infancy, affords grounds for a strong suspicion that he was foully wronged by an abduction, from interested motives, instigated, perhaps, by the four husbands who married the four daughters.

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* A similar question, involving the vast estates of Thomas' grandfather, Sir Richard, had been settled on this principle but a short time previous. Sir Richard, by his first wife, had two sons, Thomas and Alexander, and a daughter, all married. Thomas, the eldest, inherited Sir Richard's estates, and at his death left a daughter, who claimed the property. After a lengthy contest in the courts, the estates were adjudged to Sir Richard's son Thomas, by his second wife, Alexander having died without children. This last named Thomas was the father of Sir Richard, first baronet; also of Thomas, who married Katharine Hoghton.

At this time Ralph, cousin of the infant John, was about eleven years of age, just old enough to know and remember passing events, without having a just appreciation of their significance and intent. This satisfactorily accounts for the transmission of the tradition to us. No doubt the relations of the cousins to the family and officials in England, precluded the possibility of their taking any steps to obtain their rights during their lifetime.

The co-heiresses of John Hoghton, II, sold Pendleton to Saville Radcliffe, Esq. Joshua Radcliffe, of Thodmorden, grandson of Saville, died in 1676, leaving one child and heiress, Elizabeth. She was married to Roger Mainwaring, who "wasted his estates." In 1836 Pendleton Hall was occupied by a yeoman.

FRANCIS W. HOUGHTON.

New York, April 8, 1869.

# GENEALOGY.

I. 1. RALPH HOUGHTON was born in 1623, as is supposed, in Lancashire, England. According to tradition, he was the son of Sir Richard Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, Lancashire, who was created a baronet by King James I, upon the institution of the order, May 22, 1611.

Ralph fled to America, on account of his religious and political opinions. He had fought, under Cromwell, against King Charles I, although he had been previously knighted by the king for services to his person. He landed at Charlestown, Mass., some time between the years 1635 and 1647.

In 1647, Ralph and nine others founded the town of Lancaster, Mass. He was chosen the first town clerk; one of the six prudential managers; representative, 1673 and 1689; and held various other offices. Lancaster having been burned by the Indians in 1675, he removed to Woburn and Dorchester. In 1682 he settled at Milton, Mass.; and, on the 18th of June of that year, was admitted to full communion in the church, in company with his wife. He returned to Lancaster three years after, and remained there until 1689 or 1690, when he returned to Milton, and settled at "Scotch Woods, nigh unto Brush Hill," building the homestead which has ever since been occupied by his descendants. (See engravings.) He died there, April 15, 1705, aged 82.

I. 2. He married *Jane* ——, who was born 1626, and died at Milton, January 10, 1700–1.

They had children—

II. 3. (*a.*) MARY, born at Lancaster, Mass., December 4, 1653;
4. married January 20, 1675, to *Wm. Bentlett.*

5. (*b.*) JOHN, born, Lancaster, April 28, 1655; died October 10, 1679.

6. (*c.*) JOSEPH, born, Lancaster, July 6, 1657; died at Mil-
7. ton, March 22, 1737; married, first, *Jane Vose*, daughter of Edward Vose, senior. She died at Milton, October 2, 1707. Married, second,
8. December 8, 1708, *Margaret Reding*, who died 1737.

9. (*d.*) EXPERIENCE, born, Lancaster, October 1, 1659; married, (as second wife,) May 22, 1684, to
10. *Ezra Clap* of Dorchester.

11. (*e.*) SARAH, born, Lancaster, February 17, 1662. Sup-
12. posed to have married —— *Sawyer.*

13. (*f.*) ABIGAIL, born, Lancaster, July 15, 1664; married to
14. *John Hudson.*

15. (*g.*) HANNAH, born, Lancaster, October 16, 1667; died in Dorchester, unmarried, October 8, 1679.

16. (*h.*) RALPH,* born about 1663–5; died about 1692; mar-
17. ried *Mary* ——, who was born 1664.

II. 3–4. Mary and William Bentlett had children—

III. 18. (*a*) WILLIAM,
19. (*b.*) HENRY, } baptized at Milton, April 2, 1691.
20. (*c.*) HANNAH,

II. 6–7. JOSEPH and Jane Houghton, named above, settled at Milton, Mass., 1698. They had children—

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* This Ralph is rather apocryphal. I find no record of his birth, and yet his name appears in the town records of Dorchester, Mass., in connection with those of other known members of the family. The genealogical collections of his time state that he was "probably a son of the first Ralph."

He was a mariner, and lost his life during the great earthquake at Port Royal, Jamaica, June 7, 1692. The Dorchester records state that he had a daughter MARTHA, born February 3, 1693—which is not impossible—and another, MARY, born June 30, 1695. [See Generation III, Nos. 37 to 40, on page 51.] There is evidently some error in the name or date. Perhaps the last named MARY, (III, 39,) was the daughter of her mother, Mary, (II, 17,) by a subsequent marriage.

III. 21. (*a.*) EBENEZER, born, Lancaster, Aug. 25, 1695; died at Milton, January 24, 1783, aged 88 years;
22. married, September 27, 1722, *Sarah Evans.*
23. (*b.*) NATHANIEL, born 1696; died May 13, 1772; mar-
24. ried, June 3, 1721, *Deborah Belcher*, who was born 1694, and died February 27, 1772.
25. (*c.*) ABIGAIL, born January 5, 1698; married, Decem-
26. ber 27, 1722, to *Benjamin Crane.*
27. (*d.*) JANE, born March 9, 1700; married, February 22,
28. 1722, to *Jonathan Capen*, who was born March 17, 1691, and died December, 1740.
29. (*e.*) MARTHA, born April 24, 1701; married, February
30. 13, 1724, to *Joseph Bent.*
31. (*f.*) MARY, born April 17, 1703; married, January 13,
32. 1725, to *Ebenezer Holmes.*
33. (*g.*) JOSEPH, born October 22, 1704; died November 19, 1715.
34. (*h.*) BENJAMIN, born April 6, 1706.

II. 11–12. Sarah and —— Sawyer had issue—
III. 35. BEULAH, baptized at Milton, September 3, 1699.

II. 13–14. Abigail and John Hudson had issue—
III. 36. JOHN, baptized at Milton, April 27, 1690.

II. 16–17. Ralph and Mary Houghton had issue—
III. 37. (*a.*) MARTHA, born in Dorchester, February 3, 1693;
38. married, December 25, 1711, to *John Lee.*
39. (*b.*) MARY, born, Dorchester, June 30, 1695; married,
40. March 23, 1713, to *Thomas Blakeman.*

III. 21–22. EBENEZER and Sarah Houghton had children—
IV. 41. (*a.*) SARAH, born 1722; married, 1756, to
42 *Elijah Crane.*
43. (*b.*) ELIZABETH, born November 24, 1722.
44. (*c.*) MARTHA, born October 25, 1724.
45. (*d.*) RALPH, born in Braintree, February 20, 1729; died November 16, 1809, aged 80 years; mar-

46. ried, first, February 15, 1759. *Ruth Wadsworth*, daughter of Benjamin and Esther. She was born November 2, 1737, and died August 29, 1791. He married, second, February 3, 1792,
47. *Waitstill Gulliver*, born 1733; died February 23, 1810.
48. (*e.*) EBENEZER, born in Braintree; taxed in Milton, 1754 to 1782; married, first, December 27,
49. 1750, *Prudence Vose;* married, second, in 1776,
50. *Hannah Crane.*
51. (*f.*) ELIJAH, born 1732; died at Ashby in 1823; mar-
52. ried, 1756, *Mary Andrews.*
53. (*g.*) SILAS, taxed at Milton, 1758 to 1790; married,
54. 1760, *Lydia Bent.*
55. (*h.*) MARY, born ——; died 1793; married, 1766, to
56. *Thomas Tollman*, of Dorchester.
57. (*i.*) THOMAS, taxed in Milton, 1759 to 1772; married,
58. 1760, *Charity Liscom*, who was again married,
59. (December 17, 1774.) to *Noah Daman.*

III. 23–24. Nathaniel and Deborah Houghton had—

IV. 60. (*a.*) DEBORAH, born, Milton, April 5, 1722; married,
61. 1747, to *David Sumner.*
62. (*b.*) NATHANIEL, born September 13, 1730; died October 8, 1730.
63. (*c.*) JOSEPH, born September 6, 1726; died 1776; mar-
64. ried, first, in 1747, *Mary Davenport*, of Stough-
65. ton; second, in 1753, *Ruth Field*, who was born 1722, and died May 23, 1772; third, in 1773,
66. *Hepzibah Horton*, born 1728; died January 18, 1820.

IV. 41–42. Sarah and Elijah Crane had

V. 67–68. (*a.*) LEMUEL, who married —— *Minot*, and had

VI. 69–70. (1.) *Nathaniel*, who married —— *Sumner.*

71. (2.) *Lemuel*, who married ——.

72–73. (3.) *Nancy*, who married —— *Childs*.
74. (4.) *Lucy*.
75–76. (5.) *Mary*, who married —— *Osborn*.
V. 77–78. (*b.*) RALPH, who married —— *Vose*, and had—
VI. 79. *Samuel*, who married ——, but left no children.
V. 80–81. (*c.*) ELISHA, who married —— *Fisher*, and had—
VI. 82–83. (1.) *Friend*, who married —— *Fessenden*.
84. (2.) *Ralph*, who died without issue.
V. 85. (*d.*) FRIEND.
86. (*e.*) ELIJAH.
87–88. (*f.*) A DAUGHTER, who married *Archibald McKendrey*.

IV. 45–46. RALPH and Ruth Houghton had—
V. 89. (*a.*) ELIZABETH, born January 16, 1763; married, October 30, 1783, to *Jared Tucker*, of Needham.
90.
91. (*b.*) ESTHER, born April 21, 1765; died May 10, 1787; married, July, 1785, to *Charles Pierce*. No issue.
92.
93. (*c.*) JASON, born at Milton, August 25, 1768; died at Milton, September 16, 1843, aged 75; married, December 25, 1788, *Caty Wild*, daughter of Joseph and Mehitable. She was born in Braintree, November 8, 1766; died in New York, April 6, 1855, aged 89.
94.
95. (*d.*) NANCY, born January 22, 1772; died May 13, 1799; married, 1792, to *Edward Beal*, of Castle Island.
96.

97. (*e.*) ENOS, born June 28, 1774; died September 27, 1782.
IV. 48–49. Ebenezer and Prudence Houghton had—
V. 98. (*a.*) HANNAH, born April 27, 1755; married, 1775, to *Ephraim Niles*.
99.
100. (*b.*) JOHN, born August 6, 1757; died 1758.

101. (*c.*) Oliver, born March 30, 1759; died August 25, 1831; taxed Milton, 1780 to 1782, and 1790 to
102. 1830; married, first, *Ruth Bent*, who was born 1759, and died February 11, 1813; married,
103. second, May 12, 1814, *Mary Wild*, born 1772: died September 19, 1850. No children.
104. (*d.*) Patience, born November 5, 1761.
105. (*e.*) Rachel, born March 19, 1765.
106. (*f.*) Reuben, born July 1, 1767.
107. (*g.*) Nathaniel.
108–9. (*h.*) Jerusha, married, 1771, to *Nathan Babcock*.

IV. 51–52. Elijah and Mary Houghton had—
V. 110. (*a.*) Seth, born March 13, 1757; taxed in Milton, 1779, only.
111. (*b.*) Rebecca, born June 22, 1758; married to
112. —— *Edwards*.
113. (*c.*) Elijah, born December 14, 1761.
114. (*d.*) Mary, born December 20, 1766; married to
115. —— *Edwards*.
116. (*e.*) Fenno, born January 6, 1772; died Jan. 20, 1773.

IV. 53–54. Silas and Lydia Houghton had—
V. 117. (*a.*) Lemuel, born September 4, 1761.
118. (*b.*) Sarah, born October 5, 1763.
119. (*c.*) Martha, born April 9, 1766; married, 1793, to
120. *James Berry*, of Taunton, Mass.
121. (*d.*) Eunice, born May 9, 1768; married, 1793, to
122. *Thomas Crehore*.
123. (*e.*) John, born October 11, 1770; taxed at Milton, 1797 to 1801; married ——, and had three
VI. 124. daughters, who were married to three *Metcalfs*, of Providence, R. I.
V. 125. (*f.*) Enos, born December 11, 1782.
[I have the indefinite information that Silas
126. and Lydia had five daughters, three of whom
127. married, respectively, *Cyrus Cook*, —— *Howe*,
128. and —— *Tileston*.]

IV. 55–56. Mary and Thomas Tollman had issue—

V. 129. (*a.*) LYDIA, died aged five years.

130. (*b.*) SARAH, died aged three years.

131. (*c.*) RUTH.

132. (*d.*) WAITSTILL.

133. (*e.*) THOMAS.

IV. 57–58. Thomas and Charity Houghton had—

V. 134. (*a.*) JESSE, born May 31, 1761; left children living in Roxbury.

135. (*b.*) CHARITY, born August 14, 1763; married, in
136. 1790, to *Isaac Smith*, of Boston.

137. (*c.*) EUCLID, born June 20, 1766; married, 1788,
138. *Elizabeth Pettingill.*

139. (*d.*) THOMAS, born May 8, 1768.

140. (*e.*) LISCOMB, born January 16, 1772.

IV. 63–65. Joseph and Ruth Houghton had—

V. 141. JOSEPH, born February 19, 1754; married, first,
142. in 1772, *Anna Williams*, who died July 14,
143. 1773; second, in 1775, *Mary Pope*, supposed widow of Thomas.

V. 141–142. By his first wife, Anna, he had—

VI. 144. *John*, born May 1, 1773.

V. 89–90. Elizabeth and Jared Tucker had—

VI. 145. (*a.*) ENOS HOUGHTON TUCKER, born May 2, 1784; married, and settled at Needham, Mass.

146. (*b.*) LEMUEL TUCKER, born August 6, 1788. Deceased.

147. (*c.*) TYLLE TUCKER, born January 18, 1786; married
148. —— *Wilson*, of Needham, Mass.

V. 93–94. JASON and Caty Houghton had—

VI. 149. (*a.*) CHARLES PIERCE, born April 19, 1789; drowned in the pond, (see engraving,) November 27, 1800.

150. (*b.*) RALPH, born December 5, 1790; died November
151. 26, 1822; married, September 5, 1815, *Mary Marsh*, who was born 1792, and afterward mar-
152. ried *Aminidab Tucker*.

153. (*c.*) WARREN, born February 2, 1792; drowned in the pond, November 27, 1800, with his eldest brother.

154. (*d.*) JASON WADSWORTH, born June 12, 1793; died December, 1867; married, January 11, 1821,
155 *Nancy Davenport*. She was born March 31, 1801.

156. (*e.*) RUTH, born December 12, 1794; married, Novem-
157. ber 2, 1821, to *Benjamin Clapp*, of New York, who was born 1789.

158. (*f.*) ESTHER, born December 10, 1796; died November 2, 1797.

159. (*g.*) JOSEPH, born March 24, 1798; married, October,
160. 1828, *Elizabeth B. Topliff*, born 1805.

161, (*h.*) *George Washington*, born October 22, 1799; mar-
162. ried, first, *Ann C. St. John*, of New London, Conn., November 16, 1826. She was born February 2, 1807, and died February 8, 1830.
163. Married, second, *Maria Rowe*, of Fishkill, N. Y., January 20, 1835. She died ——.

164. (*i.*) ELIJAH, born at Milton, Mass., May 10, 1801; removed to New York, 1822; died in New York, August 14, 1868; married, January 20,
165. 1825, *Elizabeth S. Hathaway*, daughter of Antipas and Deborah. She was born at Fairhaven, Mass., June 29, 1808.

166. (*j.*) OLIVER, born September 13, 1802; died November 20, 1819.

167. (*k.*) WALTER, born June 2, 1804; died June 9, 1835;
168. married, May 8, 1831, *Rebecca St. John*, of New Canaan, Conn. She was born 1812, and died 1849.

169. (*l.*) CATHARINE, born October 4, 1806; married June
170. 28, 1827, to *Edward S. Hill*, of New York, who was born July 19, 1800.

171. (*m.*) CHARLES WARREN, born October 2, 1808; married,
172. January 23, 1832, *Mary St. John*, of New Canaan, Conn. She was born 1814. (Sister of Ann and Rebecca, 162 and 168.)
173. (*n.*) EDWIN, born May 8, 1811; married, December 1,
174. 1836, *Catharine Parsles*, of New York. She was born September 29, 1813.

V. 95–96. Nancy and Edward Beal had—
VI. 175. (*a.*) RUTH, born April 15, 1795; married to ——
176. *Gay*, of Needham, Mass., and have several children.
177. (*b.*) PHINEAS, born November 4, 1792.

V. 137–138. Euclid and Elizabeth Houghton had, (among others,)
VI. 178. CHARLES, living with his family in South Boston.

VI. 150–151. Ralph and Mary Houghton had—
VII. 179. (*a.*) MARY, born February 26, 1816; married, in 1839,
180. to *Elias Tucker*, of Canton, Mass.
181. (*b.*) ALMIRA, born November 20, 1817; married, in
182. 1839, to *Nathaniel Howard*, of Randolph, Mass.
183. (*c.*) RALPH, born November 19, 1818; married, in
184. 1842, *Martha M. Bennett*.
185. (*d.*) OLIVER, born November 19, 1821; married, in
186. 1844, *Adeliza W. Fairbanks*.

VI. 154–155. Jason W. and Nancy Houghton had—
VII. 187. (*a.*) SARAH DAVENPORT, born July 21, 1824; married,
188. 1846, to *James Breck*, of Milton, Mass.
189. (*b.*) GEORGE DAVENPORT, born February 28, 1827;
190. married *Eliza Bent*, of Milton, Mass.
191. (*c.*) HARRIET DAVENPORT, born February 18, 1829;
192. married to *Samuel Bent*, of Milton, Mass., (brother of Eliza, 190.)
193. (*d.*) LYDIA ANN, born ——, 1834; married to Dr.
194. —— *Everett*, of Hyde Park, Mass.
195. (*e.*) JASON, born September 8, 1844.

VI. 156–157. Ruth and Benjamin Clapp had—

VII. 196. (*a*) George Houghton, born September 9, 1822; married, 1846, *Anny S. Beckwith.*
197.

198. (*b.*) Jason Forbes, born September 16, 1825; married,
199. 1849, *Elizabeth M. Houghton*, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth S. Houghton, (VI, 164, 165.) She was born in New York, March 31, 1828.

200. (*c.*) Warren B., born September 13, 1827; died —— 1865; minister of the Baptist Church at Dover,
201. N. H.; married *Elizabeth Ayer*, of Milford, N. H. She was married, secondly, 1868, to —— Wiswall, of Washington, D. C.

202. (*d.*) Clinton Wild, born May —, 1831; married
203. *Catharine Simons.*

VI. 159–160. Joseph and Elizabeth B. Houghton had—

VII. 204. (*a.*) Joseph Henry, born May 28, 1831.

205. (*b.*) Louisa, born January 5, 1834; died August 24, 1834.

206. (*c.*) Mary Elizabeth, born October 10, 1835; died unmarried.

207. (*d.*) Anna Louisa, born ——, 1838; married to
208. *Frank Burns*, of Princeton, Ill.

209. (*e.*) Samuel Topliff, born March 3, 1840; married
210. *Lucy Fairchild*, of New York.

211. (*f.*) Harriet Topliff, born March 1, 1842; married to
212. *Charles Todd*, of St. Stephens, N. B.

VI. 161–163. George W. and Maria Houghton had—

VII. 213. (*a.*) George Washington, born March 20, 1838; died unmarried.

214. (*b.*) Mary Anna, born February 23, 1837; died unmarried.

VI. 164–165. ELIJAH and Elizabeth S. Houghton had—

VII. 215. (*a.*) Joseph Warren, born March 16, 1826; married,
216. November 23, 1850, *Mary J. Brown.*

199. (*b.*) Elizabeth Malvina, born March 31, 1828; mar-
198. ried, December 20, 1849, to *Jason F. Clapp*, son of Benjamin and Ruth Clapp, (VI, 156, 157.)
217. (*c.*) Deborah Hathaway, born June 22, 1830.
218. (*d.*) Elijah Augustus, born September 20, 1832.
219. (*e.*) Francis Walter, born April 22, 1835.
220. (*f.*) Catharine Louisa, born February 11, 1838.
221. (*g.*) Jason Edwin, born December 11, 1840; married,
222. November, 1865, *Mary A. Boardman*, daughter of William and Ann Boardman, of New York.
223. (*h*) Addison Hathaway, born January 21, 1843.
224. (*i.*) James Lincoln, born October 18, 1845; died April 28, 1865.
225. (*j.*) Howard Clapp, born June 9, 1848.
226. (*k.*) Arthur Milton, born August 29, 1851; died September 6, 1853.

VI. 167–168. Walter and Rebecca Houghton had—
VII. 227. Walter, born 1832; died February 9, 1865, unmarried.

VI. 169–170. Catharine and Edward S. Hill had—
VII. 228. (*a.*) Edward Stearns, Jr., born September 28, 1828;
229. married *Mary Dater*.
230. (*b.*) Lucy Sylvania, born December 25, 1829; married
231. to *Charles A. Cragin, Jr.*
232. (*c.*) Abby Jones, born December 1, 1832; married to
233. —— *Hall*, of Green Bay, Wis.
234. (*d.*) Harlan Page, born September 17, 1835; died December 14, 1836.
235. (*e.*) Ebenezer Bancroft, born January 24, 1838; married ——.
236. (*f.*) Charles Walter, born February 12, 1842; married ——.
237. (*g.*) Catharine Maria, born February 9, 1846.

VI. 171–172. Charles W. and Mary Houghton had—

VII. 238. (*a.*) Ann Comstock, born 1834; married to
239. *Charles S. Strong.*
240. (*b.*) Charles Clapp, born 1836; married
241. *Sarah Arnold*, of East Greenwich, R. I.
242. (*c.*) Martha Larcomb, born 1839; married to
243. *Henry Ormsbee*, of Providence, R. I.

VI. 173–174. Edwin and Catharine Houghton had—

VII. 244. (*a.*) Amanda Lavania, born October 2, 1837; married
245. to *William Ferguson*, of New York.
246. (*b.*) Catharine Adelaide, born 1839; married to
247. *Benjamin F. Beekman*, of New York.
248. (*c.*) Emma Sophia, born 1842; married to
249. *Joseph Potter*, of New York.
250. (*d.*) Ann Virginia, born 1844; married to
251. *James Taber*, of New York.
252. (*e.*) Edwin Walter, born July 6, 1847.
253. (*f.*) William H. Hobart, born June 2, 1851.
254. (*g.*) Julia Ida, born 1853.

FRANCIS W. HOUGHTON.

New York, April 6, 1869.

# GENEALOGY of FRANCIS W. HOUGHTON, of New York.

By Tradition—Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton Tower, Lancashire, England, Baroneted by James I. May 22, 1611. Born Aug. 26, 1570. Died Nov. 12, 1630.

Ralph Hough[illegible] 1635 a[illegible] 1641. Mass., 1675, and to Milton, 1690. [illegible]on, born 1623, Emigrated from England between the years [illegible]. Founded Lancaster, Mass., 1647. Removed to Woburn, and to Milton, Mass., 1682. Returned to Lancaster 1685, Died at Milton, Mass., April 15, 1705. Ag'd 82 yrs.

— married — Jane, b[illegible] 1626, Died a[illegible] Milton, Mass., 10, 1701, [illegible]d 75.

Mar[illegible] born Lancaster Dec. 4, 1[illegible]53. — Married Jan. 10 1675 — Wm. Bently or Bentlett. — John born in Lancaster April 28, 1655, died Oct. 10, 1679. — Joseph, born Lanc. July 6, 165[illegible] Settled in Milton 1698—9, Died [illegible] Milton March 22, 1736—7 ag'd 8[illegible]

— married — Jane Vose, (daur. Edward Vose,) Died at Milton, Oct. 2, 1707. Afterward (Dec 8, 1708) — married — Margaret Roding, died 1737. — Experience, born Lanc. Oct. 1, 1659 (2d wife.) — mar[illegible] May 2[illegible]

— Ezra Clap, of Dorchester Mass. — Sarah born Lanc. Feb. 17, 1662 — Abigail, born Lanc. July 16, 1664 — married — John Hudson or Huston. — Hannah, born Lanc. Oct. 16, 1667, died in Dorchester Oct. 8, 1679. — Ralph, b. 1663, d. 1692. — married — Mary.

Ebenezer, born Lanc. Aug. 25, 1695, died at Milton Jan. 24, 1783, age 88. — married Sept. 17, 1722 — Sarah Evans. — Nathaniel, born 1696, died May 13 1772 — married June 3, 1721, — Deborah Belcher, born 1694, died Feb. 27, 1772. — Abigail, born Jan. 5, 1698, (Milton) — married Dec. 27, 1722 — Benjamin Crane. — Joseph, born Milton, Oct. 22, 1704. — Jane, born Milton, Mch. 9, 1700. — married Feb. 22, 1723

— Jonathan Capen born Mch 17, 1691 died Dec. 1740. — Martha born Milton, April 24, 1701. — married 1724 — Joseph Bent. — Mary, born April 17, 1703. M— Minot. — married 1725. — Ebenezer Holmes. — Benj'n. b. Milton April 6, 1706.

Ebenezer, born at Braintree Taxed at Milton, 1754 to 1782 — married, Milton Dec. 27, 1750. — Prudence Vose. — Ralph, born at Milton, Feb. 20 1729, died Nov. 16, 1802, ag. 80 — married Feb. 15, 1759 — Ruth Wa[illegible] Esther b. [illegible] 1791. Af[illegible] Gulliver, b. 1733, — of Ben. & d. Aug. 29, [illegible]d Waitstill b. 23, 1810. — Martha, b. Oct. 25, d. 1124. (Milton.) — Elijah, born 1732, died 1823. — married 1756. — Mary Andrews — Silas, taxed, Milton, 1758—90 — married 1760

— Lydia Bent. — Mary, died 1793. — married 1766. — Thomas Tollman of Dorchester. — Thomas, taxed, Milton, 1759-72 — married 1760, — Charity Liscom. — Elizabeth born Milton, Nov. 21, 172[illegible] — Sarah, b. 1722 — m. 1766 — Elijah Crane.

Elizabeth, b. Milton, 16, 1763 — married Oct. 30, 1783. — Jared Tucker, of Needham, Mass. — Esther, born Milton, Apl. 21. 1765, died May 10, 1787 — married July 10, 1785 — Charles Pierce. — Jason, born Milton Aug. 25, 17[illegible] Milton Sept. 1843. Aged — married Dec. 25, 1788 — Caty Wild, dau. of Joseph, Braintree, Mass. Nov. 8, 1766. Died in New York, Apl. 6, 1855. Aged 89. — Nancy, born Milton, Mass. Jan. 22, 1772. Died May 13, 1799.

— married [illegible]ut 1790, — Edward Beal. — Enos, born June 28, 1774 died Sept. 27, 1782.

Charles Pierce, b. 1789, d. 1800. — Ralph, b. Dec. 5, 1790, d. Nov. 26, 1822 — married — Mary Marsh b. 1792 — Warren, b. Feb. 2, 1792, d. Nov. 27, 1800. — Jason W., b. June 12, 1793, d. 1867. — married 1821, — Nancy Davenport, b. 1801. — Ruth, b. Dec. 12, 1794. — married 1821. — Benj. Clapp, b. 1789 — Esther, b. Dec. 10, 1796, d. Nov. 2, 1797. — Joseph, b. Mar. 24, 1799 — married 1828. — Elizabeth Tod[illegible] 18[illegible]5. — Geo. Washington, b. October 22, 1799. — married 1835, — Maria Rowe. — Elijah, b. Milton, Mass., May 10, 1801, d. in New York Aug. 15, 1868. — married Jan. 20, 1825, — Elizabeth [illegible]away, b. Mass., 1808.

— [illegible]. Hathaway, b. [illegible]rhaven [illegible]no 29, — Oliver, b. Sept 3, 1803, d. Nov. 20, 1819 — Walter, b. June 2, 1804, d. June 9, 1835. — married 1831 — Rebecca St. John, b. 1812, d. 1849. — Catharine, b. Oct. 4, 1806. — married 1821, — Edward S. Hill, b. July 19, 1800 — Charles Warren, born Oct. 2, 1808. — married 1832. — Mary St. John. — Edwin, b. May 8, 1811. — married 1836, — Catharine Parsles, b. Sept. 29, 1813.

Joseph Warren, b. March 16 1826. — married 1850, — Mary J. Brown. — Elizabeth Malvina, b. March 31, 1828. — married 1849, — Jason [illegible] Clapp. — Deborah Hathaway, b. June 22, 1830. — Elijah Augustus, b. Sept. 30, 1832. — Francis Walter, b. April 22, 1835. — Catharine Louisa, b. Feb. 11, 1838. — Jason Edwin, b. Dec. 11, 1840. — married 1865. — M[illegible] Be[illegible] b. 18[illegible]

— A. [illegible]man, [illegible]14. — Addison Hathaway, b. Jan. 21, 1843. — James Lincoln, b. Oct. 18, 1845, d. Apl. 28, 1865. — Howard Clapp, b. June 9, 1848. — Arthur Milton, b. Aug. 29, 1851 d. Sept. 6, 1852.

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